

## Alternate Election Options Raised At Overflow City Worksession

by Virginia Beauchamp

As the crowd was gathering at the Greenbelt City Council worksession on Monday, June 30, I estimated that some 100 people were occupying chairs inside the room – and another 25 or so were sitting on the floor. Clearly the meeting, with representatives of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and Fair Vote, held very great interest for Greenbelt citizens.

Deborah Jeon spoke for the Prince George’s County chapter of the ACLU, June White Dillard represented the NAACP and Amy Ngai was the spokesperson for Fair Vote. All three recommended changes in the voting system of Greenbelt. The three visitors and five councilmembers were seated around the large work table at the front of the room.

Jeon began by passing out a chart detailing voting figures for Greenbelt in the 2007 municipal election, the 2006 general election for state representatives and the 2004 general election for representatives at the national

level. For the first election, the number of voters from Springhill Lake was significantly lower than those from the other three voting precincts – 39 as compared with the Community Center’s 724, Greenbelt Elementary School’s 630 and Eleanor Roosevelt High School’s 505.

In 2006 the Springhill Lake precinct reported 443 voters as compared with over 1,000 in each of the other three districts. Only in the 2004 general election were figures more comparable – 1,218 for Springhill Lake; 1,545 for Greenbelt Elementary; 1,851 for Greenbelt Community Center; and the significantly greater 3,016 for the Eleanor Roosevelt High School precinct.

Jeon suggested that municipal elections might take place along with the partisan elections every other year, rather than in the separate elections of alternate years as at present, in this way insuring a larger turnout for the vote for city officials – especially in Springhill Lake. She recognized the large population in Springhill Lake of non-citizens who, of course, cannot vote.

### NAACP Suggestion

Dillard, who is president of the Prince George’s County chapter of the NAACP, described the work of her organization in assuring that county voters could again choose their representatives to the Prince George’s County Board of Education. In recent years members of the board had been appointed by the governor and the county executive. That bill was established to sunset in December 2006. Since then, with the governor’s signature, Prince George’s County reverted to an electoral system to choose all members of the Board of Education. The only way representatives to the school board could be elected, Dillard said, was in partisan elections from election districts. Running at-large would be enormously difficult, she said.

Mayor Judith Davis wondered how the ACLU suggestion of single-member elections by districts for the city council would help to accomplish that organizations’s goal of helping minority candidates to run and win in

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## Residents Comment on NAACP, ACLU, Fair Vote Presentations

by Bay Woods

After presentations by Deborah Jeon of the ACLU, June Dillard of the NAACP and Amy Ngai of Maryland Fair Vote, at the June 30 council worksession, citizens of Greenbelt took advantage of their first opportunity to address the concerns raised by Jeon’s February 28 letter condemning Greenbelt’s at-large municipal election system and threatening litigation in the absence of reform.

The public seats in the council’s chambers were nearly full 20 minutes before the meeting’s 7 p.m. starting time and people continued to file into the meeting room. People crowded around the doors waiting to sign up to speak. When the meeting began Mayor Judith Davis informed the public that a television set downstairs in the Municipal Building was available to accommodate the overflow crowd. She also instructed members of the public to refrain from applause during presentations and asked that everyone engage in respectful dialogue.

In all, nearly 30 citizens expressed a variety of opinions on the issues of diversity and representation on Greenbelt’s council and the election system by which that body is chosen.

During over two hours’ worth of comments, many speakers praised Greenbelt’s civic spirit, connecting this spirit with a willingness to explore alternative systems. The same speakers, however, also often said they felt “offended” by the actions of the NAACP and the ACLU.

Local resident and Greenbelters listserv moderator Andy Carruthers was the first to step to the microphone placed in front of the table where council, Jeon, Ngai and, for the first part of the meeting, Dillard sat. Carruthers began on a confrontational note, asking “if there is a Department of Justice representative in the room, please raise your hand.”

When told by Davis that this was not appropriate, Carruthers spoke of the importance of open dialogue and the “chilling effects” of the “bad faith” actions of the NAACP and the ACLU. He complained that the “first invitation to discuss reform came packaged with a threat for a lawsuit.” He asked for a pledge from both groups not to use “citizen statements” in legal proceedings against the city. Robert Manzi, the city’s own legal counsel, said that “as an attorney” he himself would not make such a pledge. Dillard, of the NAACP,

followed suit and said simply that “free speech is a very important thing . . . and we would like to hear from you.” Jeon, however, agreed to Carruthers’ pledge, stating that the ACLU would not use any public comments in proceedings against the City of Greenbelt.

David Lange, the second speaker, stated that he was a member of both the ACLU and the NAACP. He raised three questions based on the discrepancy between the general population numbers in each of the proposed districts and those of registered voters.

Finally, he wondered what effect the proposed districts would have on the system whereby Greenbelt selects its mayor from among the council candidates, traditionally choosing as mayor the council candidate with the most votes and naming the runner up the mayor pro-tem. Lange asked Ngai of Fair Vote how her organization would answer this. Ngai reported that her organization did not support single member districts. Lange asked “Are you three going to reach a consensus?” earning a laugh from all.

In response to his initial

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## Seventh Festival of the Song Coming July 12 to the Center

by Barbara Simon, FONDCA

On Saturday, July 12 the New Deal Café will present the seventh annual Festival of the Song in Roosevelt Center from 11:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. This free, outdoor concert features local songwriter musicians working in a variety of styles.

The program begins with Melissa Sites at 11:30 a.m. with a special performance for children. A Greenbelt singer and music teacher Sites, originally from West Virginia, sings in many styles but especially loves Old Time and ballad singing. She will perform songs that tell a story and share some of the stories behind our heritage of American folk songs.

Richard McMullin begins the afternoon program at 1 p.m. with his storyteller’s approach and folk-inflected sound, followed by Baltimore artist Sahffi, whose style is a spontaneous blend of rock, folk and blues, stemming

from her early love of classical music.

Sahffi, now at work on her second album, has been acclaimed as a “talented, melodious trapeze artist” whose “powerful voice propels her across the stage” (Paul Iwancio, president, Baltimore Songwriters Association). Greenbelter Geff King follows at 3 p.m., followed by Acacia Sears at 4 p.m., and by Syl Smith at 5 p.m. Syl, whose rhythmical approach could be compared to Dave Mathews, is currently working on his first CD.

Peter Reppert, new Greenbelt resident and member of Magic Ray Jazz, performs at 6 p.m., followed at 7 p.m. by Ali Kozlowski, who honed her songwriting skills in Nashville music school. The evening continues with Mathew and Michael Polonchak, twin brothers who hail

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## Greener Greenbelt Charrette Slide Shows Available at GHI

by Jim Cohen

The great array of ideas and designs generated at the Greener Greenbelt Initiative’s 2007 charrette, which aimed to preserve and improve Historic Greenbelt, are now available to the public in five slide shows at [www.greenergreenbelt.org](http://www.greenergreenbelt.org). They can also be seen at the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) administrative building during business hours. Greenbelters are encouraged to review the shows and offer feedback for community workshops to be held this fall.

The first show gives background and context; the others offer an illustrated summary of the charrette’s main discussion groups: a) GHI dwelling units, residential buildings and grounds; b) Roosevelt Center; c) the Historic Greenbelt town; and d) the Greater Greenbelt region.

Begun in 2006, the Greener Greenbelt Initiative is a partnership between GHI and the Potomac Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA-PV). GHI’s participation has been coordinated by a Green Ribbon Task Force.

The charrette was held last September 28 to 30 at Greenbelt Elementary School. Many of the nearly 400 people present shared their ideas and helped to create drawings with the aid of professionals and students. Four focus groups looked at the fundamental values of the Greenbelt community that shaped the charrette: livability, affordability, preservation and sustainability. For details see the slide shows or a GHI brochure at its administration building.

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### What Goes On

**Friday, July 4** – City and Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Closed in Observance of Independence Day

**7 p.m.**, Greenbelt Concert Band Concert, Bandstand at Buddy Attick Park

**Dusk**, Fireworks (In case of rain, fireworks will be presented on the next clear evening – related activities may be canceled.)

**Sunday, July 6**

**1-5 p.m.**, Artful Afternoon, Community Center

**Monday, July 7**

**8 p.m.**, City Council Worksession, City Manager’s Quarterly Update, Municipal Building

**Wednesday, July 9**

**7:30 p.m.**, Public Meeting – Transit Study, Multipurpose Room of the Community Center. Call 301-474-4100 if transportation is needed.



# Letters

## Traffic Woes Revisited

This morning I had a very frightening experience. I was approaching the Greenhill crosswalk at 8 a.m. to cross for my daily walk around the lake. A car was coming from the Old Greenbelt direction at a modest pace and another, a smallish gray sedan from the Kenilworth direction (at least twice the distance away as the first car). This car seemed much too far away to pay attention to. The first car easily allowed me to cross (at my usual brisk pace). Then, to my horror, the gray car was suddenly bearing down on me at an unusually high speed – indeed, if anything, it seemed to be accelerating. I started to run and the gray car whizzed by, barely missing me. There was absolutely no slowing down whatsoever. The car from the opposite Greenbelt direction stopped at the crosswalk and its youngish male driver sympathetically commiserated with me on my very close encounter. He even remarked something like “he must have been going over 50 miles an hour.”

I was still shaking when I completed my walk around the lake and crossed at the St. Hugh’s crosswalk without incident. While in my experience 85 percent of drivers in that area are law-abiding, kind and considerate, the remaining 10 to 15 percent must consider it their absolute right to drive as fast as they want, regardless of any speed limits or persons in crosswalks that they encounter.

I have reluctantly (as a driver myself) come to the conclusion that there should minimally be either a stop sign at that Greenhill crosswalk or a speed camera with legal teeth.

Perhaps the driver of the car coming from Greenbelt will come forward and give us his more objective assessment of what he witnessed.

I’m beginning to think that my days are numbered.

Philip Brandis

## THANKS

Thanks to all who donated blood on June 24 at the Greenbelt Municipal Building. The blood collected at the drive will help that American Red Cross continue its service in the face of the nation’s severe blood shortage. Thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel and volunteers for their outstanding service.

The next scheduled blood drive is Friday, September 29 from 12:30 to 6 p.m. The urgent need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout.

Those who have not already made an appointment through the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-927-2212. As was the case in the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for missed appointments.

Janet Goldberg,  
Recreation Coordinator

## THANKS

Thanks for the article on the New Deal Café’s new chef by Bay Woods in last week’s issue. The ribbon cutting went well on Sunday and the air conditioning has now been fixed. Come in for a “cool” dining experience.

Bill Wilkerson,  
Board Member,  
New Deal Café

## Proposal Preparation Is Workshop Topic

The Greenbelt Community Foundation will present the second in a series of workshops designed to enhance Greenbelt’s long tradition of creating community-based organizations that further the quality of life of the community. This workshop, entitled “Preparing a Great Proposal” will be held at the Community Room at Greenbriar Condominiums, 7600 Hanover Parkway, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9.

Emmett Jordan, chair of the Proposal Committee of the Foundation, will provide an in-depth review of the Foundation’s proposal forms and process with tips on providing a great proposal. Those who have or are thinking of making a proposal to the foundation for their idea and organization are urged to participate in this workshop.

There are two more workshops scheduled for this series: “Secrets of Effective Boards,” September 17, Schrom Hills Park Meeting Room; and “Mysteries of the 501(c)3” on November 17 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

The mission of the Foundation is to maintain, improve and enrich the quality of life in Greenbelt. The Foundation promotes cooperative endeavors and projects that celebrate, respect and build upon the legacy and ideals of the original Greenbelt plan.

## Lupus Workshop At the Library

The Lupus Foundation of America Greater Washington Chapter will offer a free “Living with Lupus” workshop at the Greenbelt Library on Saturday, July 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The workshop aims to introduce the newly diagnosed lupus patient to effective management of the disease and to give a refresher on the basics.

The speaker will be Dr. Donald Thomas of Arthritis and Pain Associates of Prince George’s County, known for making difficult medical concepts understandable to patients. “It is my experience,” he says, “that patients with lupus who educated themselves the most . . . appear to do the best in the long run.”

Registration is limited. Call 202-349-1167 or send name, email and address to info@lupusgw.org to reserve a spot.

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from Harpers Ferry and together combine fiddle, guitar and bass with vocals to make up Transcendent Third. The Festival concludes at 9 p.m. with LEA, who was nominated for five Whammy awards in contemporary folk music by the Washington Area Music Association and also for Songwriter of the Year for her “Looking Forward” CD. She recently completed an artist-in-residence program at the Music Center at Strathmore in Bethesda and has performed at the John F. Kennedy Center, American University and at Harmony Hall in Prince George’s County, as well as in Europe.

This Festival is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with funding support from the City of Greenbelt and the Prince George’s Arts Council.

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the previous day to assure that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215 for information and to make reservations.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for July 7 through 11 include:

Monday – Orange juice, baked pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, stewed apples.

Tuesday – Tomato soup, turkey salad with lettuce/tomato/onion/lowfat dressing, four-bean salad, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Grape juice, baked Tilapia fish with creamy dill sauce, home-fried potatoes, green beans, sliced watermelon.

Thursday – Cranapple juice, baked chicken with gravy, pinto beans, chopped spinach, red Jello with fruit.

Friday – Orange juice, six meatballs with tomato sauce, spinach spaghetti, California blend vegetables, canned peaches.

## Experience Piloting At Museum Exhibit

Family Day at College Park Aviation Museum is Saturday, July 12 from noon to 4 p.m. In association with the traveling “At the Controls” exhibit, visitors may take the controls and pilot simulators of some historic aircraft including an early Wright Brothers plane and several jet fighters. Regular museum admission applies. The museum is located at 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive near the College Park Metro station.

## GBLT Potluck, Trash Pickup

Join GreenBeLT Pride, Saturday, July 26 from 5 to 7 p.m., on the lawn in front of the Community Center for a picnic lunch. Hotdogs and drinks provided. People are asked to bring a dish to share and a chair or blanket. After lunch pitch in and help beautify the center and trail to the lake together on a trash pickup detail. All are welcome.

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## Explorations Video Visits Ohio Amish

Explorations Unlimited will continue its summer travel video series on Friday, July 11 with a visit to Holmes County, Ohio. Once hidden away to most Ohioans, the video “An Amish Country Adventure” uncovers history, beauty and charm. Forested hills, valley farmlands and places such as Berlin, Charm, Killbuck, Mt. Hope, Winesburg, Walnut Creek and Millersburg are just a few destinations.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, in Room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## Use ’em or Lose ’em

Co-op Treasurer Joe Timer is urging any members of the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket who have not yet used their Co-op Refund Voucher to use it or cash it in by the end of the July. All 2008 Patronage Refund Vouchers expire July 31, the end of the Co-op’s fiscal year. He says the checks were mailed to members in early December.

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# Community Events

## At the Library

Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories:

Tuesday, July 8, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, July 9, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, July 10, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

## GHI Notes

Scheduled Meetings:

**Friday, July 4**, Office Closed for Independence Day

**Monday, July 7**, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation, Board Room

7:15 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Grief Support, GHI Library

**Tuesday, July 8**, 8:30 a.m., Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee, GHI Library

7 p.m., Sustainable Design Practices, Board Room

**Wednesday, July 9**, 7 p.m., Member and Community Relations Committee, GHI Lobby

7:30 p.m., Architectural Review Committee, Board Room

**Wednesday, July 16**, 7 p.m., Finance Committee, Board Room

7 p.m., Woodlands Committee, GHI Lobby

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club has been on a musical spree during June. We went to Toby's in Columbia to see "All Shook Up" featuring Elvis Presley songs. When the hero (Chad), an Elvis-type, roared into town on his motorcycle and courted the wrong girl, the cast sang "You Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog" back at him. Lots of fun and laughs.

On June 25 we were entertained by Steve Brodd and Chris Cherry with a songfest and sing-a-long. Not sure who enjoyed it more – the entertainers or the audience.

The meeting on July 8 will be a surprise meeting. Come and be surprised!

Ruth Swoben is our new treasurer. All checks and money should be directed to her.

Happy thoughts being sent to Ruth Huggins as she is dealing with some health problems.

## Adult Soccer Is Sunday, Tuesday

Greenbelt's adult community soccer program, small-goal pickup play for fun and exercise, is held year-round on Sunday from 9:30 to 11 a.m. and on Tuesday from 7 p.m. to dusk. Games are played at Northway #1 field at the end of Northway.

There are no fees. For information call Joan Falcão at 301-982-0257, email jmfalcao@verizon.net or just show up.

## Rotary Club Collects For Flood Victims

The Greenbelt Rotary Club is spearheading an effort to collect, transport and distribute vitally needed food, water, clothing, linens, kitchen and dinnerware for victims of the record-breaking floods in the Mississippi River basin.

A tractor-trailer was at SK Motors, 10805 Lanham-Severn Road in Glenn Dale last weekend and will be there again this weekend from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, July 5 and Sunday, July 6 for collection of donations of any of the badly needed life-sustaining goods.

Rotarians will be on hand to receive the materials. Particularly needed are: canned foods, cleaning supplies, baby formula, disposable diapers, clean bed and bath linens, clean clothing, kitchen utensils, cookware and dinnerware. Many of the flood victims have lost everything but the clothes on their backs and these gifts can help to get them started on the road to recovery.

Once a trailer is filled, volunteers will haul the load to the Midwest to a central point for distribution. If there is sufficient interest and local involvement, several loads will be collected, transported and disbursed this way.

The Greenbelt Rotary welcomes involvement by other local charities, school organizations or individuals interested in this cause. Call Steve Kemp at SK Motors 301-464-0400 to volunteer.

## Computer Club Meets July 10

The Greenbelt Computer Club will hold its July meeting on Thursday, July 10 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 103. There will be a short demonstration on how to customize one's computer desktop. Everyone is welcome.

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## Ask the Expert To Cover Sleep

The next Ask the Expert program offered by Greenbelt Assistance in Living is on sleep disorders and will be held in the Green Ridge House dining room on Tuesday, July 15 from 11 a.m. to noon.

Dr. Riad Dakheel, a board-certified sleep specialist and director of Doctors Community Hospital Sleep Center will present "Sleep Disorders – What You Need To Know. Everyone Deserves A Good Nights Sleep."

Green Ridge House is at 22 Ridge Road. Those who wish to attend are asked to RSVP to Mary Barnabie by calling 301-345-6660.

## Foundation Grants Ceremony July 13

The Greenbelt Community Foundation's third Grant Award Ceremony and Reception will be held on Sunday, July 13 at 3 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Two \$4,000 grants will be awarded.

The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum will receive a grant to update and modernize the museum's orientation film. In addition to historical footage the new film will consider issues such as racial segregation, town planning, public housing and the role of women in the creation of this Utopian community. The second grant will be awarded for a new youth project in Springhill Lake conducted by Camp Fire USA. Through the "Teens in Action" project middle and high school students will learn skills that prepare them for leadership and adulthood and will develop tools to help them make good decisions.

The reception is open to the public; Springhill Lake youth will provide entertainment.



Springhill Lake Elementary School fifth grader Marissa Rhodes, pictured along with Springhill Lake Elementary Principal Linda Sherwood and School Resource Officer/Safety Patrol Coordinator Corporal Marty Parker, was recognized by AAA Mid-Atlantic during its 2008 Outstanding AAA School Safety Patrol Awards program luncheon June 5 in Fairfax, Va. Rhodes was nominated by teacher and Safety Patrol Coordinator Elaine Hutchison, who praised her leadership, knowledge and dependability. In addition to a plaque, each of the 21 honorees received a \$150 saving bond.

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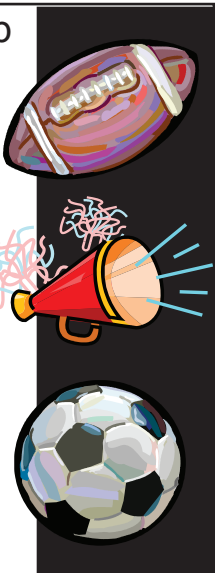
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## Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club will hold registration for the 2008 Football, Cheerleading and Soccer Season.

Registration dates are Monday through Thursday July 7 through July 17 and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 21 through July 31. Registration times are 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway.

August registration dates to follow.

**Please call 301-794-0100 for more information.**



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Our sympathy to Lynda Lee Varda on the death of her mother Hazel Ruth Travers, who died on June 27, 2008.

Congratulations and best wishes to Lin White of Crescent Road, who retired June 30 from the administrative offices of the Prince George's Library System after many years of valuable service.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland

## Audubon Birdwalk Early on July 5

The Prince George's Audubon Society will host a half-day bird walk at the Fran Uhler Natural Area at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 5. Meet at the end of Lemon Bridge Road just north of Bowie State University. See woodland, field birds and waterfowl with good chances for raptor flyovers at this forested floodplain of the Patuxent River. Birds may also be seen at the nearby WB&A trail. This walk is for beginners to experts; waterproof footwear is suggested. Call 410-765-6482 for more information.



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— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email [info@searchislam.org](mailto:info@searchislam.org) or visit [www.searchislam.org](http://www.searchislam.org).



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City Notes

Animal Control removed a raccoon from a trash can, captured a snake in a resident’s house and responded to several wildlife calls.

Planning initiated review of final design plans for the Greenhill/Hillside Roads restoration project and met with Greenbelt Station representatives regarding curb and gutter pavement.

Special details crew installed a speed sentry on Gardenway and worked on a water fountain at Buddy Attick Park.

Public Works Director Kenny Hall met with the staff from Planning & Community Development and an engineer to discuss the dam at Buddy Attick Lake Park.

The Greenbelt Tennis Association hosted a social on June 21 at the Braden Field tennis courts. All levels and ages were welcome and tennis balls, snacks and drinks were provided. A good time was had by all.

**CARES**  
CARES reports the ACE Reading Club has begun its Summer Book Club program in cooperation with the Recreation Department. The program will continue for nine weeks and is open to children who live in Greenbelt, as well as children attending the Recreation Department’s summer camps.

Four high school students are interning at CARES for the summer. They will be helping in the tutoring camp program, tutoring students and assisting in the GED program. Three students are returning – Elena Trozzo, Adrienne Trozzo and Kate Morris. New this summer is Lauren Furgeson.

Sustainable Lifestyle Inspired by Art

Cool Globes is an innovative project that uses public art to inspire action. Designed by local, national and international artists, individuals, schools and organizations, no two projects are alike. Each globe depicts positive actions that reduce the impact of humans on earth’s fragile environment. See them all at the U.S. Botanic Garden and find the one that is personally motivating to a more sustainable lifestyle. Take a free tour of this exhibit with Ray Mims, conservation horticulturist, on Wednesday, July 9 from noon to 1 p.m. Meet at the Conservatory entrance. Make required reservations for code TE070908 online or by calling 202-225-1116.

Citizen Science Is Topic at USBG

Just about everyone who is a gardener or a birder makes observations that can help scientists chart the impact climate changes have on how and where people garden and whether or not a favorite bird or butterfly species might continue to prosper in 20 or 30 years. Craig Tufts of the National Wildlife Federation will introduce Wildlife Watch, an easy-to-do, introductory wildlife and plant observation program and discuss FrogWatch USA, Budburst and eBird as internet-based programs that anyone with a keen eye for nature and basic internet abilities will enjoy. This free program takes place in the Conservatory Classroom of the United States Botanic Garden (USBG) on Friday, July 11 from noon to 1:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required for program code LH071108. Call 202-225-1116.



The 7<sup>th</sup> annual



# Festival of the Song

Roosevelt Center  
Greenbelt, Maryland  
July 12th, 2008

**Morning Kids Song Show**

11:30 am–12:30 – Melissa Sites  
Songs and stories about songs

**After Noon Songwriters Showcase**

1 – 1:45 – Richard McMullin

2 – 2:45 – Sahffi

3 – 3:45 – Geff King

4 – 4:45 – Acacia Sears

5 – 5:45 – Syl Smith

6 – 6:45 – Peter Reppert

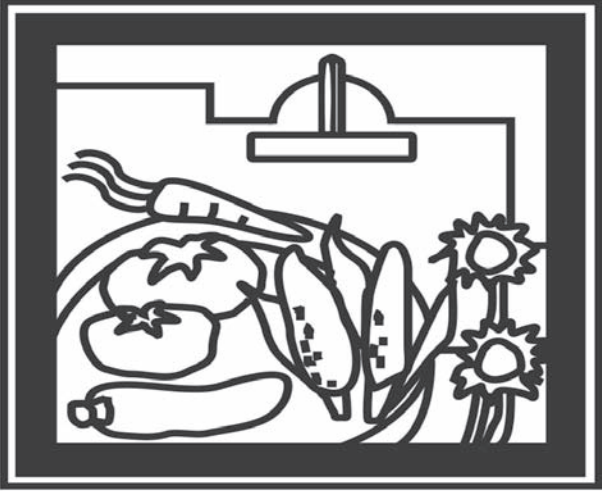
7 – 7:45 – Ali Kozlowski

8 – 8:45 – Transcendent Third

9 – 9:45 – LEA


This event is free to the public & is produced by the New Deal Cafe  
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# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR JULY 7 - JULY 11

Monday, July 7th, 8:00pm, **WORK SESSION -- CITY MANAGER QUARTERLY UPDATE** at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, July 9th, 7:30pm, **PUBLIC MEETING -- TRANSIT STUDY** at the Community Center.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.*

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**  
**Vacancies exist on the: Advisory Committee on Education, Arts Advisory Board, Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee**  
**For more info call 301-474-8000.**

## Artful Afternoon

Sunday, July 6, 2008, 1-5pm, **FREE**  
**Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road**

**1-3pm:** Make your own mobile sculpture with Artist in Residence Marla McLean.  
**1-3pm:** Local henna artist Ms. Gowri Arakere will be beautifying hands and feet.  
**3pm:** Internationally touring husband and wife duo, Jesse and James perform an explosion of physical comedy with their fun new “Mutts Gone Nuts” show.  
**For more information, call 301-397-2208.**

## GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21

**MUNICIPAL ACCESS:** 301-474-8000: Monday, July 7th, 8pm City Council Work Session re: City Manager’s Quarterly Update (live). Tuesday, and Thursday, July 8 & 10, 10am and 6pm “Ask the Expert: Diabetes.” 7pm “Circus Camp Session I.” 7:45pm “Recycling in Greenbelt” 8pm “City Council Work Session Replay.”  
**PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):** 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, July 9 and 11. 7pm: “Your Body, Your Business, Your Health.” 8pm “Dog Gone Dancin’ II Recital”

## GREENBELT PLAY DAY

**Saturday, July 26 from 9:00am-9:00pm**  
**Braden Field**  
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## FOURTH OF JULY

**Friday, July 4th**  
**Buddy Attick Park**

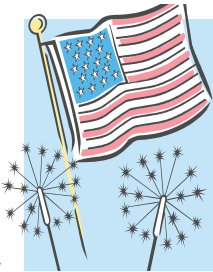
**4pm - 7pm:** Tour the sculpture garden created by Creative Kids Camp and friends

**7pm:** Greenbelt Concert Band performs

Fireworks begin at dark. In case of rain, fireworks will be presented on the next clear evening (and related activities may be cancelled).

The Weather and Information Hotline number is 301-474-0646.

**ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS:** Please inform all members of your household about this scheduled event. We do not want anyone to be alarmed by the explosions and flashes of light from the fireworks.



## GREENBELT TO HOST PUBLIC FORUM ON MAXIMIZING BUS TRANSIT OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesday, July 9th, 7:30pm - 9:30pm  
Greenbelt Community Center Multipurpose Room  
Residents are encouraged to attend, and share their ideas and concerns about the provision of bus service within Greenbelt. For more information, call (301)345-5417. Transportation to the meeting will be provided by the Greenbelt Connection. Call (301)474-4100 to get on the list.

## Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

**ADULT WATER AEROBICS CLASSES**  
**Session Dates:** July 14th thru August 8th  
**Passholders and Residents register:** June 30th and July 1st  
**Open registration:** July 2nd until filled

**ADULT SWIM LESSONS**  
**Session Dates:** July 15th thru August 7th  
**Passholders and Residents register:** June 30th and July 1st  
**Open registration:** July 2nd until filled.

**WEEKDAY CHILDREN’S SWIM LESSONS**  
**Summer Session II**  
**Session Dates:** July 8 – 11, July 15 – 18  
**Passholders and Residents register:** June 30th and July 1st  
**Open registration:** July 2nd until July 7th at 2:00pm  
(Classes may fill prior to close of registration!)  
For a listing of classes, download the Recreation Brochure at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
**For more information, call 301-397-2204.**



# Daddy-Daughter Dance – Fancy & Fun

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The annual Daddy-Daughter Dance took place on May 31 at the Community Center gym. Daughters from kindergarten to 8th grade and their daddies were treated to dinner, a craft project and then dancing.

Nearly everyone joined in when the daddies and daughters got up to line-dance.

Bottom left: Maria Beckert, Erv Beckert and Clara Beckert

Bottom right: Journey Butler, Brian Butler and Tiye Butler

– photos by Helen Sydavar

Next Steps

In the fall the task force will begin holding public workshops at GHI. For the rest of 2008 and through 2009 the task force will examine all the material generated by Initiative activities as well as important issues facing GHI as a co-op. The GHI board will then be given a report on ideas to be considered in the near future and others for further exploration over the next 30 years.

Implementing the plan will likely change GHI’s capital and operating expense priorities. The GHI board and staff will collaborate with the City of Greenbelt and Prince George’s County on implementing the recommendations that involve those jurisdictions. In the meantime residents can share ideas by emailing either [greenribbon@ghi.coop](mailto:greenribbon@ghi.coop) or by sending or dropping off comments to the GHI office on Hamilton Place.

For more information call Jim Cohen at 301-405-6795 or email [jimcohen@umd.edu](mailto:jimcohen@umd.edu).

*Jim Cohen is co-chair of the GHI Green Ribbon Task Force.*



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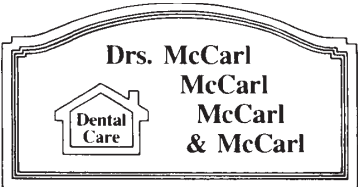


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# Police Blotter

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or [http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly\\_report.pdf](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf).  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

## Robberies

June 19, 8:35 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man attempted to rob a person at gunpoint in the lobby of an apartment building. The victim screamed and the man fled to a waiting 4-door vehicle. The suspect is described as a black male, 5'2" to 5'4", 120 pounds with black hair in an Afro cut, wearing a dark shirt and light colored pants.

June 21, 12:38 a.m., Roosevelt Center, a man reported that on Saturday, June 14 he was assaulted by one of three young men who demanded his wallet. Upon finding no money, the young men returned the wallet and fled the scene. The suspects are described as four black males, all 16 to 20 years of age. One was 5'10" to 6', 130 to 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a white T-shirt, dark shorts and a black baseball cap; another was 5'10" to 6', 140 to 150 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a white tank-top shirt and blue jeans; the third was 5'8" to 5'10", 150 to 170 pounds, wearing dark shorts and a white tank-top shirt.

## Attempted Carjacking

June 21, 12:15 a.m., Greenway Center, a man got into another person's 2003 Infiniti G35 4-door and attempted to drive it away but the owner was able to remove the keys from the ignition. After a brief struggle, the suspect fled the scene. It is believed that he is the same person who took a blue 2005 Dodge Stratus 4-door from the same location a short time later. (See Vehicle Crimes section below.) The suspect is described as a white male, 20 to 24 years of age, 5'6" to 5'8", 160 to 170 pounds with short hair, wearing a black T-shirt and jeans.

## Assaults

June 24, 6:47 p.m., Mandan Road and Ora Glen Drive, a non-resident youth was arrested for assault and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

June 20, 9:42 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane, a person was assaulted by an acquaintance during a verbal dispute. The victim was kicked in the face several times and was transported to a hospital for treatment. Investigation is continuing.

## Sexual Assault

June 20, 10:43 a.m., 7100 block Hanover Parkway, a person was fondled by a man while waiting at a bus stop. The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 40 years of age, 5'10" to 6", 160 to 180 pounds with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a black sweater and khaki pants.

## Drug Arrests

June 23, 10:51 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of

paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

June 25, 8:22 P.M., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, two resident men were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. They were released on citation pending trial.

June 26, 9:51 p.m., 9200 block Edmonston Road, a resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial and then taken into custody by the Department of Corrections for an open arrest warrant.

## Disorderly Conduct

June 24, 5:11 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a resident youth was arrested, charged with disorderly conduct and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Vandalism

June 24, 8:20 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, it was reported that a storm door was broken out by unknown person(s).

June 24, 10:12 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, it was reported that a patio door was broken out by unknown person(s).

## Burglaries

June 19, 10:34 p.m., 6000 block Cherrywood Court, a laptop computer and a television were among the items taken.

June 20, 11:17 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a storage bin was broken into. Furniture and a lawn mower were among the items reported as taken.

June 20, 4:36 p.m., 7200 block Mathew Street, credits cards and a necklace were among the items reported as taken.

June 23, 8:23 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, an attempted burglary was reported.

June 26, 6:04 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, it was reported that a video game player and video games were among the items taken.

## Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a gold 2002 Ford Explorer, Maryland tags 10732M2, two 2002 Chrysler Town and Country vans, a maroon 2000 Dodge Grand Caravan, Maryland tags 2295M9 and a dark blue 2006 Dodge Caravan, Maryland temporary tags 70173D from the 9100 block Edmonston Road; a green 1995 Chrysler Town and Country, Maryland tags M829760 from the 7300 block Wintergreen Court; a blue Ford Windstar van, Maryland tags 0089M1M4 from the 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive; a gray 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass 4-door, Maryland tags 6CRL72 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; and a 2003 Dodge Caravan from Beltway Plaza.

Also on June 21 a blue 2005 Dodge Stratus 4-door, Maryland tags 9CCR52, which was left unlocked with the engine run-

ning, was stolen from Greenway Center. A witness observed a white male enter the vehicle and drive it away. He was described as approximately 23 years of age, 5'9", 185 pounds, with blond hair and brown eyes, wearing a long black T-shirt and jean shorts.

Eight vehicles were recovered, four by Greenbelt police and four by outside departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to vehicles was reported at 16 Court Ridge Road (door lock), 6900 block Hanover Parkway (door locks), 7600 block Mandan Road (door lock), Cherrywood Terrace (broken window) and Cherrywood Lane (door locks).

Attempted theft of and from vehicles was reported at 7700 block Jacobs Drive, 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (two incidents), 6100 block Breezewood Court (two incidents), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road and 9100 block Springhill Court.

Theft from vehicles occurred in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Court (five incidents – wallets, stereos, stereo faceplate, toolbox with tools, DVD player, CDS, laptop, GPS); 6100 block Breezewood Drive (catalytic converter); 5800 block Cherrywood Lane (catalytic converter); 5800 and 5900 blocks Cherrywood Terrace (purse, tag); 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive (GPS); and Beltway Plaza (stereo).

## Bike Safety

"Conspicuity – cyclists are three times more likely to experience a serious car/bike crash during nighttime hours. Low light affects the vision of drivers and cyclists; motorists don't expect cyclists to ride at night and there are an increased number of intoxicated motorists on the road. In approximately 60 percent of all car/bike crashes the motorists failed to see the bicyclist, yet nearly 100 percent of the bicyclists struck assumed they were seen by the motorist. Wearing white is not enough; red reflectors alone don't provided enough information to motorists.

"Conspicuity is the key. Fluorescent, high contrast, retro-reflective material and active lights can be used on a bike frame or on clothing to create a "signature" or recognizable shape motorists can react to sooner keeping cyclists safer. Regardless of where you ride, if you do it at night be conspicuous."

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Jeon responded that ACLU history shows that having smaller districts “assists minorities to run and win.” This system insures a better geographic representation, she said. Combinations of district and at-large candidacies are also possible, she added.

Concerning the ACLU suggestion of merging the municipal with the partisan state and national elections, councilmember Leta Mach suggested that “local issues would get lost” in such a process.

**Fair Vote Proposal**

Ngai introduced a wholly different suggestion in describing the central interest of Fair Vote, a relatively new national organization based in Takoma Park. This would be to adopt “Choice Voting,” in which individual voters can rank candidates in order of preference.

A second system, Ngai said, is Proportional Representation. Introduced in the 1940s and 1950s, it was used in both New York City and Cincinnati but later repealed, she said, “because of racial tensions.” Only one jurisdiction – Cambridge, Massachusetts – still uses it, she said; it has also been used in Scotland and British Columbia.

Historically, Ngai said, this system has helped to elect minority candidates. In the system voters can cast all their votes for a single candidate, for example, or divided among any number of candidates up to the number of positions open. She offered to hold meetings with interested Greenbelters to explain how the system works.

“We would certainly require an educational process,” councilmember Ed Putens exclaimed.

Councilmember Konrad Herling wondered how this system would affect minority representation.

**Why Change?**

Davis wondered why these outside organizations had decided that Greenbelt “needs change.” Dillard replied that “populations change. We can make things better. We can involve more people.”

Jeon noted that currently no members of minority populations serve on the city council. The local ACLU chapter, she said, would be willing to sponsor candidate forums and to work with volunteers to call candidates or to run phone banks.

When Davis wondered how the organization would be able to pay for phone banks, Jeon said that labor unions in the past have allowed the organization to use their phones.

Concluding the formal part of the June 30 meeting, Davis asked, “What are the next steps you are looking for?”

Both Jeon and Dillard responded community forums and the exploration of different options.

The meeting was then opened to citizen responses. Councilmembers took notes as one citizen after another made comments or suggestions. The meeting, which had begun at 7 p.m., adjourned at a few minutes after 10, when no further members of the audience desired to comment.

The meeting was televised and will be offered several times over the Greenbelt city channel as time allows.

## Turn Your Grill "Green" for the Holiday

Roughly 60 million Americans will celebrate the Fourth of July by flipping burgers over a charcoal-fueled flame. While a single barbecue won't destroy the planet, millions of them do have an impact. With a few minor adjustments to this summer ritual, grilling can go green.

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question, Jeon pointed out that “districts are drawn upon the general population because a representative should represent an equal number of people.”

Doug Love, the next speaker, said that “I am glad that the city as a whole is working for greater diversity.” He, too, pointed out problems in the proposals. He claimed that to move the council election to even years so that they corresponded with national and state elections would diminish the importance of the municipal elections altogether. He was more concerned with what he called the possible “Balkanization” of a Greenbelt divided into districts. “In Greenbelt we have deep-pocketed developers who could rent an apartment in Springhill Lake and run from that district and win all of the seats. That is what we are worried about.”

Leonie Penney, an immigrant from Holland, who came to Greenbelt 51 years ago, stressed that Greenbelt “is unique.” Greenbelt, she said, “is special. I have the feeling you people have seen Greenbelt from the mind. I am a statistician, a numbers person but Greenbelt comes from the heart.” Penney reported that she had the impression from what she read in the ACLU letter that “you think our council are power-hungry racial discriminists. This is not the case. I don't know why anyone is crazy enough to run for council.” She asked, “Where are all of these dissatisfied voters?”

After Penney's comments, Dillard of the NAACP left the meeting to attend a press conference concerning the murder the day before of Ronnie L. White while in custody in Prince George's County.

Bill Orleans thanked the representatives of all three organizations for provoking “the most interesting discussion in Greenbelt so far this year.”

Joan Falcão expressed support for Fair Vote's proposals for Choice Voting but said she was against districts because they would “discriminate against geographically-distributed minorities.”

Falcão's comments exemplified the high-level of discussion surrounding the various voting systems that are accepted as alternatives to the present system.

Falcão asked for specific evidence from Jeon that the at-large structure can systematically exclude minorities, citing Thornburg v. Gingles. Jeon acknowledged that her letter had been “poorly worded” but insisted, while there was no evidence of white Greenbelters voting as a racial block, that “minority candidates have been discouraged.” Falcão acknowledged “it is hard to beat an incumbent,” and referred, as did many, especially to the popularity of Mayor Davis.

A number of speakers had either served on, run for or worked on someone else's campaign for the city council and all acknowledged that they at some time or another had become discouraged. Terry Burchick told the audience that his father had run for council. Though his father lost, Burchick did not think it was the result of a broken system.

Tom Jones, said “as a treasurer for a challenger, we tried to unseat anyone on the council. But with districts, we would have had to go against a specific person.” He pointed out that in the 2007

election there were only seven candidates for five seats. If the city switched to districts, he said, we would need a 150 percent increase in candidates in order to ensure that voters did not end up with fewer choices.

Sylvia Lewis, a former candidate for council, backed up her former treasurer saying that the problem of candidate participation “has not been addressed. People have to run to get elected.”

Keith Chernikov, another former candidate, said that the “key to elections in Greenbelt is shoe leather.” He further pointed out that “if we go to districts, I lose 80 percent representation. Here all five of them are accountable to me.” Chernikov also pointed out that losing an election shouldn't discourage a candidate, pointing out that Councilmember Herling did not win the first time. Herling held up his hand and said, “It took four times.”

Bob Zugby began by saying, “I was one of those who was defeated the first time I ran, the second time I ran and the third time I ran.” He said that “we need to face the fact that Greenbelt has changed and we have problems I didn't have to face when I came here over 30 years ago.” Zugby declared Greenbelt “colorblind” and identified the difference between renters and owners as the real problem because renters do not identify with their municipality because they do not pay taxes directly. He also expressed the importance of council in representing the “city as a whole without division” while it must “bring in representations from neighborhoods based on their population.” He proposed a “two-tiered” system with some councilmembers elected at large and others by district.

Alan Turnbull, a former councilmember, was in favor of election reform when he served on the council. “Now that interest has bloomed,” he said. “A dark cloud is over this issue,” because of the manner in which it was raised. He argued that “reform stimulates the democratic process” but was against the district system because it relied on an “arbitrary definition of community based simply on where you

hang your hat.” Turnbull ended his remarks by asking the ACLU and the NAACP for technical assistance and moral support.

Evelyn Lewis, one of four African Americans to speak, said that “when I look at a city council that isn't diverse, it tells me that it doesn't represent the city. It is very important that all people are represented.”

Jose Riggins, who also identified himself as a minority and a family services coordinator with an office at Springhill Lake, acknowledged that there was a “disconnect with the apartment complex at Springhill Lake” but added that this was not a result of the election system. “Please keep your structure but awareness is needed.”

Clement Lao, an immigrant from Hong Kong, said “as a minority of a minority, I would like to comment on the racial quota system the NAACP and ACLU are proposing.” Lao said this system “is against the spirit of a free election [because] I can't freely choose candidates I think are best for the community.”

A number of residents lamented the “disconnect” of Springhill Lake and focused on community involvement. John Henry Jones asked, “How can we get our fellow citizens to be more productive within the structures that have been designed?”

The various age groups of the city were well represented. Matt Amberg announced that he had just donated \$90 to the ACLU in honor of his 90th birthday but wondered why the ACLU is focused on Greenbelt, given the important issues in the literature they send him. Barbara Dickey-Davis read a statement from her nine-year-old daughter presenting the issue “from the eyes of a child.”

Most speakers lived in Center City, though several speakers came from other parts of the city and while several others related peripatetic histories in Greenbelt that brought them into a variety of places.

The meeting ended after 10 p.m. with the promise of further forums in other locations that may enable the attendance of different groups of people.

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